IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Assignee		Avista Laboratories, Inc.
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Examiner		Stephen J. Kalafut
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Title: Fuel Cell Power Systems and Methods	s of Controlling a	Fuel Cell Power System

RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 17, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2003, the period for response to which has been extended by a one month period to and including February 17, 2004, by the Request for Extension of Time which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, kindly amend the above identified application as follows:

<u>AMENDMENTS</u>

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of Claims which begin on page 2 of this paper. Remarks and arguments begin on page 26.